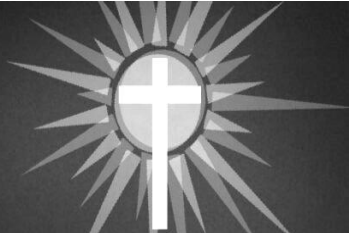




# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



For GOD, who said,  
**“LET LIGHT SHINE  
OUT OF DARKNESS,”**

made his light shine in our hearts  
to give us the light of the  
knowledge of GOD's glory  
displayed in the face of

**CHRIST**

2 Corinthians 4:6 NIV

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

## **SERVING TODAY**

- Ministers – Pastor Andrew DeGier
  - Organist – Marie Kurth
  - Ushers – Tim & Ellen Heil
- Next week – Brost, Kurth*

## **Acknowledgments**

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# Last Sunday after Epiphany

March 2, 2025

## Words of Welcome

## Opening Hymn

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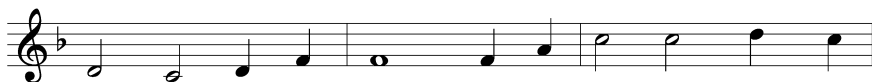
*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness with a lib - er -  
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren with a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; praise the one who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing  
gen - tle, word; praise the one who drove out de - mons with the  
in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we



blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the  
pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool  
may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, calm - ing  
wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand; from this  
glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done; let us



storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the Fa - ther's word of peace.  
well comes liv - ing wa - ter, quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, praise the one who makes us one.

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*Stand*

The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Confession of Sins**

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**Amen.**

# Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## O Taste and See

CW 965

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take  
ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it  
stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con -  
tin - ues for - ev - er. O taste and see that the  
Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

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## Prayer

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Be seated*

## First Reading

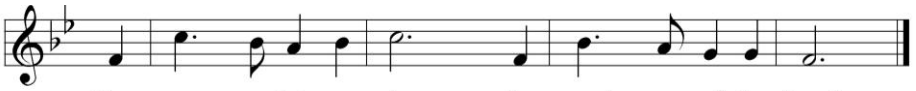
*Exodus 34:29–35*

<sup>29</sup>When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

<sup>33</sup>When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup>But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD. (NIV® 84)

# Psalm 148

Old CW



For - ev - er let us sing the good - ness of the Lord.



Praise the LORD from the heavens,\*  
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,\*  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,\*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

## **Refrain**

Praise the LORD from the earth,\*  
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,  
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,\*  
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,  
kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,\*  
young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,\*  
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **Refrain**

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## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. (NIV® 84)

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 9:35

Alleluia. <sup>35</sup>A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

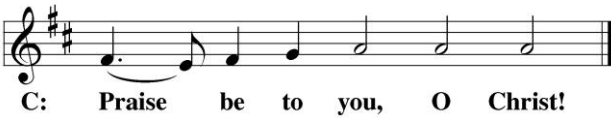


# Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28–36

<sup>28</sup>About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup>Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup>They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup>As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

<sup>34</sup>While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen. (NIV® 84)



*Be seated*

# Hymn of the Day

**CW 630**  
*Thy Strong Word*

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
at thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank thee  
while thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
dark as night and deep as death,  
broke the light of thy salvation,  
breathed thine own life-giving breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
bright with thine own holiness,  
glorious now, we press toward glory,  
and our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 4 From the cross thy wisdom shining  
breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
from the cross forever beameth  
all thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
throats to shout the hope that fills us,  
mouths to speak thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which thou dost send  
fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!
- 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
to thee laud and honor be.  
To thee, Light from Light begotten,  
praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

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## God Makes Light Shine Out of Darkness

### Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Thank Offering & Friendship Register

*Members of Our Savior's give generous and free will gifts to honor the Lord and support our ministry of the gospel. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.*

*As the offering is gathered, please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew.*

### Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Hymn

**CW 581**

*Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You*

- 1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; that, I know, could never be,  
for this heart would still refuse you had your grace not chosen me.  
You removed the sin that stained me, cleansing me to be your own;  
for this purpose you ordained me, that I live for you alone.
- 2 It was grace in Christ that called me,  
taught my darkened heart and mind;  
else the world had yet enthralled me, to your heav'nly glories blind.  
Now I worship none above you; for your grace alone I thirst,  
knowing well that, if I love you, you, O Father, loved me first.
- 3 Praise the God of all creation, praise the Father's boundless love.  
Praise the Lamb, our expiation, Priest and King enthroned above.  
Praise the Spirit of salvation, him by whom our spirits live.  
Undivided adoration to the great Jehovah give.

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O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



### Closing Hymn

CW 641

*Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide*

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,  
for round us falls the eventide,  
nor let your Word, that heav'nly light,  
for us be ever veiled in night.
- 2 In these last days of sore distress  
grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
that pure we keep, till life is spent,  
your holy Word and sacrament.

- 3 O God, how sin's dread works abound!  
Throughout the earth no rest is found,  
and falsehood's spirit wide has spread,  
and error boldly rears its head.
- 4 Lord Jesus, help, your Church uphold,  
for we are sluggish, thoughtless, cold.  
O prosper well your Word of grace,  
and spread its truth in ev'ry place.
- 5 O keep us in your Word, we pray;  
the guile and rage of Satan stay.  
Oh, may your mercy never cease;  
give concord, patience, courage, peace.
- 6 A trusty weapon is your Word,  
the Church's armor, shield, and sword.  
O let us in its pow'r confide  
that we may seek no other guide.
- 7 O grant that in your holy Word  
we here may live and die, dear Lord;  
and when our journey's ending here,  
receive us into glory there.

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***Thank you for worshiping with us today.  
May God richly bless your week!***

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## **Next Call Meeting**

Our next Call meeting is set for Monday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m. All members, especially voters, are encouraged to attend.

**Serving the Pastoral Vacancy** - Pastor Jeff Mahnke from St. Peter Lutheran Church is serving as Our Savior's vacancy pastor. Should you need his pastoral guidance and service, call / text him anytime at 715.297.0132. His email address is [pastorm@mysaintpeter.org](mailto:pastorm@mysaintpeter.org).

## **Memorials**

We thank Tim & Ellen Heil for their gifts given in memory of Len Becker and Charles Newby.

We thank Ron & Lynn Drecktrah for their gift given in memory of Charles Newby.

Thank you to Angie Marquis for her gift given in loving memory of her brother, Lawrence "Larry" Marquis, who was called home to heaven on November 7, 2024 at the age of 72.

*Blessed be their memories.*

*Thanks be to God for the love which led to these gifts.*

## **Christian Funeral for Clara Robl**

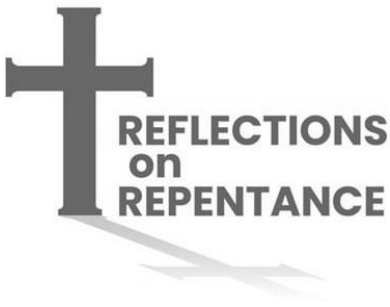
Clara Robl was called home to heaven on January 29. A visitation will be held on Saturday, March 8 at Our Savior's from 10 am until the time of the service at 11 am. A luncheon will follow. Blessed be her memory.

## **OWLS Meeting**

The March OWLS meeting will be on Tuesday, March 18 (note date change) at 11:30 at Immanuel Lutheran, Mosinee. Presentation will be by Joy Peterson demonstrating and explaining chair caning. Again, guests are encouraged to attend, all are welcome. Questions please contact Evan or Sandy Dobberfuhl, 715-693-1337. If no answer, please leave a message.

## **Join Us for Fellowship Before Worship!**

Coffee, juice, and fresh donuts are available each Sunday before our worship service begins, around 10:35 or so. Our Savior's members (and visitors) are encouraged to come to church a little earlier than you perhaps normally would, around 10:35, to enjoy fellowship.



## **Ash Wednesday**

This year Ash Wednesday falls on **March 5th** and it marks the beginning of Lent. This is the church year's somber and serious season as we repent of our sins and remember the price Jesus paid for our forgiveness. A special service with Holy Communion will be held at Our Savior's at 1:00 p.m. If you cannot attend worship in the afternoon, consider attending worship at the St. Peter Schofield Campus at 4:30 or 7:00 p.m.

## **“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now on Your Holy Passion”**

Special midweek Lent services lasting about 40-45 minutes will be held on the five Wednesdays that follow Ash Wednesday at 1:00 pm and at St. Peter on Thursdays at 5:00 and 7:00 pm at the Schofield Campus. As is tradition, we will listen to the gospel account of Jesus' suffering and death to atone for our sins and those of the whole world. “Reflections on Repentance” will be the theme for our special Lent messages based on the verses of King David's Psalm 51. There will be a pulpit rotation involving the pastors from the following area WELS churches: St Peter (Schofield), Immanuel (Mosinee), Mountain of the Lord (Rib Mountain), Redeemer (Weston), and St Matthew's (Marathon City).

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**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR MARCH NEWSLETTER TODAY!**



## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Today</b>	10:00 AM 10:35 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class Coffee & Donuts Fellowship Worship
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	School Board Call Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 PM	Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00 PM	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Saturday</b>	11:00 AM	Christian Funeral for Clara Robl <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins Tomorrow!</i>
<b>Sunday</b> (3/9)	10:00 AM 10:35 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class Coffee & Donuts Fellowship Worship with Communion <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>

## Growing Together

*February 23, 2025*

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>Memorials</u>
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